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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Motoshige IGARASHI, et a

Serial No.: 09/971,958

Filed: October 09, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2814

Examiner: T. N. Quach

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAN

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of February 7, 2002 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect Group I (claims 1-11) for prosecution in the above-identified application. Rejoinder of the non-elected process claims upon allowance of counterpart elected claims is requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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